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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **METHOD FOR LOAD BALANCING OF REQUESTS FOR SERVICE BY DEVICES ON A NETWORK AND A DEVICE AND A NETWORK FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH METHOD**

Enclosed are:

19 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

4 sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700. [original + 1]

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Patent Application consisting of 19 pages and four sheets of drawings; Declaration and Power of Attorney; Recordation of Assignment with attached copy of executed Assignment [original + 1]; Return Receipt Postcard; Transmittal Letter [original + 1] were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on December 29, 2000 for delivery by Express Mail. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EK731069740US.

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